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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended April 6, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 -- Arizona grapefruit is listed as the Best Buy in fruit this week.

Good Buys are Santa Cruz county Newtown apples and Washington Winesap apples.

Avocados are a Fairly Good Buy.

A Fair Buy are large-size oranges.

The Best Buys among the vegetables are cauliflower, peas, lettuce and carrots.

Good Buys are asparagus, artichokes, sweet potatoes, spinach and soft

squash.

Listed as Fair Buys are tomatoes, broccoli and cabbage.

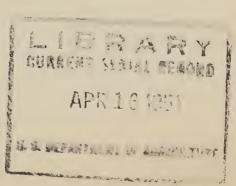
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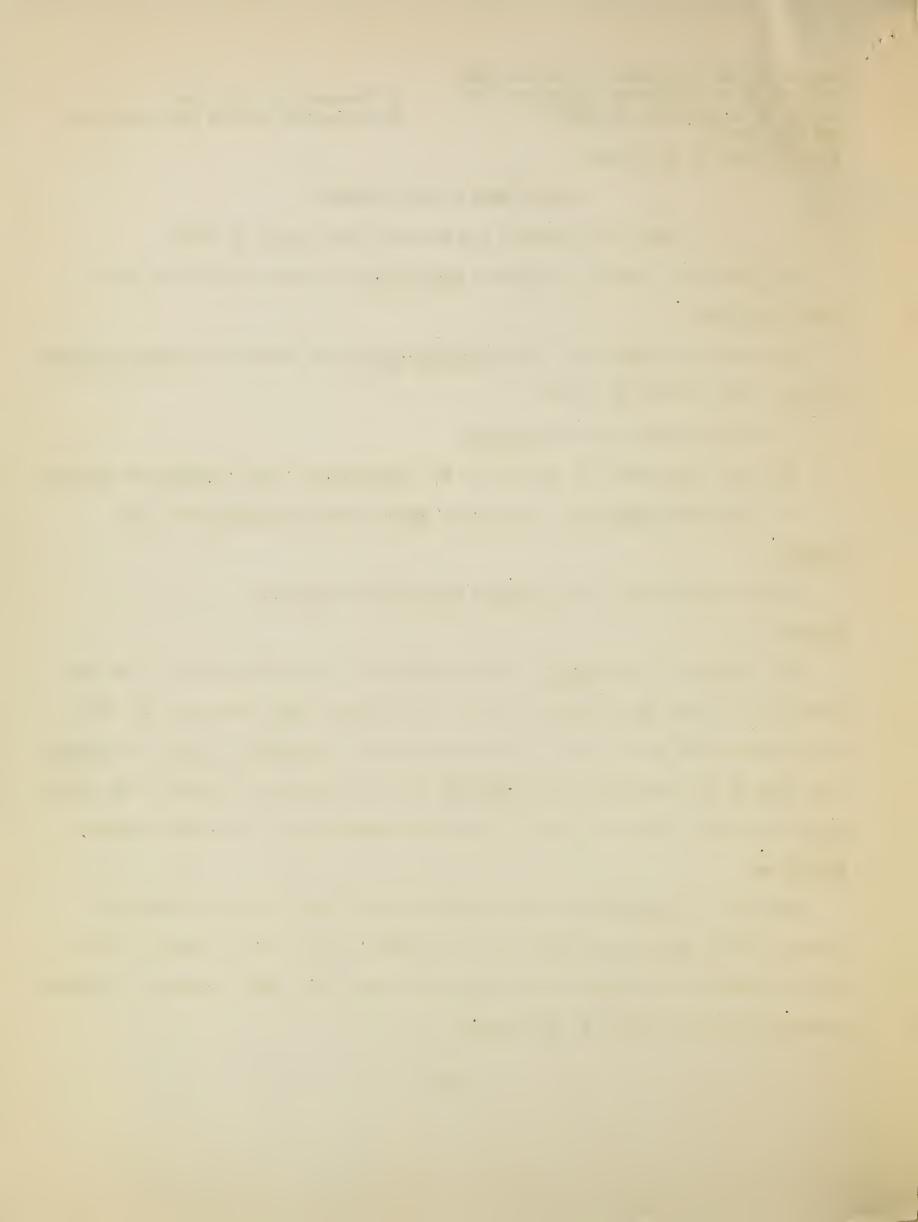
The supply of fresh meats in the San Francisco wholesale market during the past week was more than adequate for the slow demand. Beef carcasses and cuts were unchanged in price from the previous week, but commercial vealers and calves were down \$2 per hundredweight. Pork was in particularly slow demand, with fresh pork loins and picnics down \$1 to \$4 per hundredweight from the previous week.

BUTTER —

Supplies of <u>butter</u> were ample for the rather light demand and prices were unchanged from the previous week in the San Francisco wholesale market. Grades A & AA butter sold to retailers at  $74\frac{1}{2}$  to  $75\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B at 70 to  $71\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

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#### EGGS --

Larger supplies of all grades of eggs are anticipated as local production continues to increase. Supplies have been liberal in the San Francisco wholesale market, but the demand was only moderate, and Grade A small eggs sold 2-cents lower than the previous week at 48 to 49 cents per dozen in cartons. Selling unchanged in price were Grade A large eggs at 57 to 58 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade A mediums at 55 to 56 cents.

# POULTRY --

Supplies of all classes of <u>dressed poultry</u> have been rather liberal, but the demand is only moderate. Dressed poultry prices declined during the past week with broilers down 1 to 2-cents at 42 to 43 cents per pound, fryers were down 2 to 3-cents at 43 to 45 cents per pound, roasters were off 3 to 4 cents at 44 to 45 cents, light type hens 1 to 2-cents lower at 39 to 40-cents, and heavy type hens down 2 cents at 43 to 44-cents.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended April 13, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10---Avocados, Arizona grapefruit and Winter Nelis pears are the week's Best Buys in fruit.

Good Buys are Newtown Pippin apples from Santa Cruz county and Winesap apples from Washington, along with medium size Navel oranges, bananas and dates.

Cauliflower, peas, lettuce and celery top this week's list of Best Buys from the vegetable bin.

In the Good Buy class are carrots, asparagus, artichokes, spinach, and cabbage.

Fair Buys include soft squash and tomatoes.

#### MEAT --

Meat prices have been on a downward trend in the San Francisco whole-sale market the past week, despite a slightly better demand for available supplies. In the beef division, there was less steer beef in the market but more Utility and Commercial grades of grass-fed cow carcasses. Beef prices held practically unchanged, while veal and calf ranged from \$2.00 to \$4.00 lower per hundredweight. About half of the lamb supply the past week has consisted of old-crop lambs, which have sold around \$2.00 per hundredweight below the previous week. In the pork division, there was a good supply of mid-western pork cuts, with loins and fresh hams down \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Lard also has dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight.

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#### BUTTER --

Seasonal expansion of butter production has been reflected in larger supplies moving to market. In mid-western and eastern markets, prices have been fluctuating and irregular, but on the west coast there has been no change. While this situation makes the San Francisco market attractive to mid-western shippers, demand from the west coast has been limited. Prices are unchanged from a week ago, with Grades A&AA (1st Quality) quoted to retailers at  $74\frac{1}{2}$  to  $75\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-1b. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) at 70 to  $71\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

#### EGGS --

Although egg production continues to increase, it is still considerably below a year ago. However, with eggs selling 15 to 16 cents per dozen higher than a year ago, demand also is lagging behind last year. Grade "A" Small eggs have dropped 1-cent since a week ago to a quotation to retailers of 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Large are unchanged at 57 to 58 cents per dozen, as are Grade "A" Mediums at 55 to 56 cents.

# POULTRY --

As supplies of young chickens have continued to increase in the San Francisco wholesale market, prices have continued their downward trend on these classes. Broilers, all weights of fryers, and roasters are down 2 cents below last week on dressed weights. Light-type hens weighing over 4 pounds and heavy hens have been in good demand at prices 1 to 2 cents per pound higher than last week. Squabs are in little demand at 5-cent lower prices. All other classes are unchanged.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week Ended April 20, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 --- Watsonville Newtown Pippin apples, avocados,

Arizona grapefruit and dates are the week's Best Buys in fruit, followed by

juice oranges and bananas as Good Buys.

Listed as Best Buys among the vegetables are cauliflower, peas, lettuce, carrots and spinach.

Good Buys are asparagus, artichokes, cabbage and soft squash. The Fair Buys are tomatoes and Bell peppers.

# MEAT --

Under a slow to fair demand, prices have continued to drop on some classes of meat in the San Francisco wholesale market. With cooler weather, fresh pork items have been in best demand. Beef slaughter continues on the light side.

Beef, veal, calf and lamb have held practically unchanged in price from a week ago, while ewe mutton has dropped \$2.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight. In the pork division, prices have dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight on fresh loins, fresh and smoked ham, fresh and smoked picnics, butts and spareribs. Lard also has dropped another \$1.00 per hundredweight.

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#### BUTTER --

There's very little change in the San Francisco wholesale butter market from a week ago Supplies are sufficient for demand and there has been no change in prices. Western butter production for the week ended April 12 scored a 7-percent gain over the previous week, but was still 23 percent below the same week last year. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality),  $74\frac{1}{2}$  to  $75\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound in cartons of  $1/l_1$ -1b. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality), 70 to  $71\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

### EGGS --

Influenced by higher prices in central western markets and a strong local demand, egg prices have advanced 1 to 2 cents from a week ago. Grade "A" Large are up 2 cents at a quotation to retailers of 59 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums are up 1-cent at a quotation of 56 to 57 cents. Grade "A" Smalls are unchanged at 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons.

### POULTRY --

Supplies of young chickens are ample for their good demand in the

Sen Francisco wholesale poultry market. Supplies of hens are ranging from

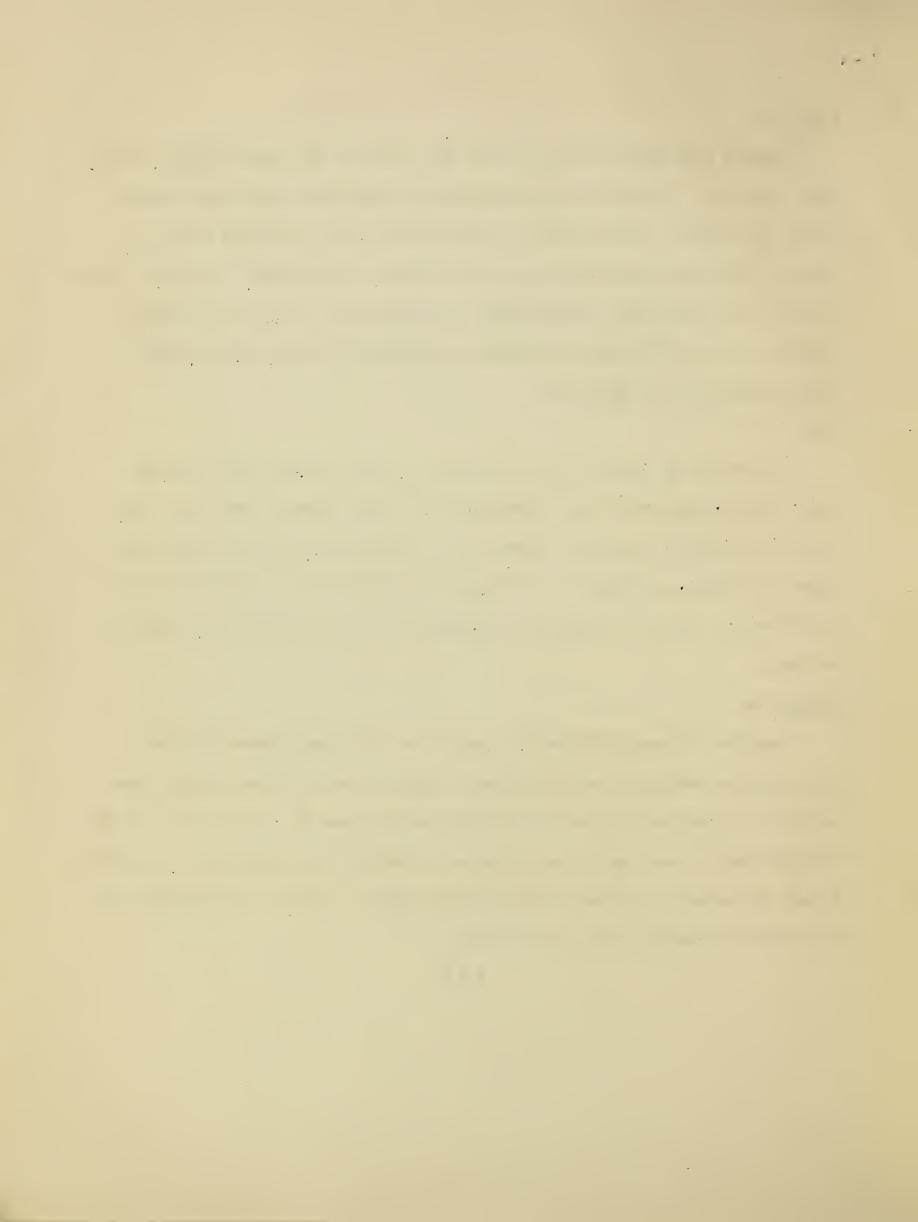
adequate to short of full needs for their active demand. Prices are up 1 to

2 cents above a week ago on most classes. Broilers and heavy hens have gained

1-cent per pound on dressed weights, while fryers, roasters, light-type hens

and young tom turkeys are all up 2 cents.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the Week ended April 27, 1951)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 --- Best Buys in fruit this week are avocados, Arizona grapefruit, and Watsonville Newtown Pippin apples.

Good Buys include oranges, dates, and bananas.

Cauliflower, peas, asparagus, celery, carrots, and Washington field-grown rhubarb are the week's Best Buys in vegetables.

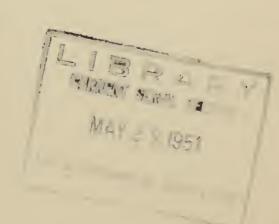
In the Good Buy class are artichokes, cabbage, soft squash, tomatoes, Bell peppers, and mushrooms.

New-crop potatoes are a Fair Buy.

# MEAT ---

Generally, supplies of all classes of <u>meat</u> have been ample for the fair to slow demand existing in the San Francisco wholesale market this past week. Prices are little changed from a week ago. Mutton prices have fluctuated the most, dropping \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight on all grades.

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# BUTTER ---

Supplies of <u>butter</u> are ample for a demand that is not too active. Western production has continued to gain, with output for the week ended April 19 up 8 percent above the previous week. Top grades have held unchanged in price, but Grade "B" butter has advanced 1 to 2 cents. Quotations to retailers are: Grades A&AA (1st Quality),  $74\frac{1}{2}$  to  $75\frac{1}{2}$  cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-1b. prints; Grade B (2nd Quality, 72 to  $72\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

# EGGS ---

In the San Francisco wholesale egg market, supplies of all grades are ample for the good demand. Prices have gained another 1 to 2 cents.

Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 61 to 62 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 58 to 59 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 48 to 49 cents.

# POULTRY ---

Prices are practically unchanged from a week ago, although young tom turkeys -- in good demand -- are selling 1-cent per pound higher on dressed weights. In most cases, supplies of young chickens are ample for demand, while supplies of hens are equal to their moderately active demand. Supplies of squabs are ample, but demand is slow.

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